

Application No.: 10/033,809
Amendment Dated: August 25, 2005
Reply to Office Action of: 7/30/04

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9, has been amended only for the purpose of including the Patent Number of a co-pending application. No new matter has been added to the specification.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-14, 17, 19, 20, 22-30, 33, and 35-36 have been amended. No new claims have been added. No claims have been canceled. Claims 1-37 remain pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, and allowance of the claims as amended are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-37 have been, "rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Examiner has indicated that the claim scope is uncertain since, "the trademark/trade name OS/390 is used to identify/describe a file system and, accordingly, the identification/description is indefinite."

Applicant has amended the claims 1, 3, 4, 6-14, 17, 19, 20, 22-30, 33, and 35-36 to replace references to OS/390 UNIX Hierarchical File with "general-purpose file", and to replace VSAM file with "performance file". Support for this change in claims 1, 3, 4, 6-14, 17, 19, 20, 22-30, 33, and

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35-36 is recited in the specification, page 8, lines 3-5, "The general-purpose files may be OS/390 UNIX HFS files and the performance files may be VSAM files." By amending the recited claims Applicant believes that both the amended claims and the remaining dependent claims are ready for allowance, and that a complete response to Examiner's rejection has been provided.

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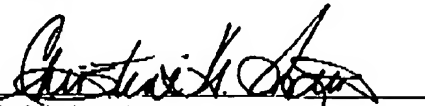
Conclusion

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all currently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application, including claims 1-37, is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is hereby solicited.

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